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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: INDUCTIVE SENSOR HAVING A SENSOR COIL IN THE FORM OF A STRUCTURED CONDUCTIVE LAYER

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 19, 2003.

Summary

As a preliminary matter, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge Applicants' priority claim in the next Official Communication. Applicants' priority documents were submitted with the application on September 25, 2001.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. \$ 103(a) as being anticipated by Geisel (US 5,863,445).